

A Shop to Build my ^{own} machinery and to invent machines for the Organic world.

Machine Shed to keep my machinery Dry.

Combine to Harvest my own Crops.

Buildings — 22,500

Combine — 8,500

Yours Truly,

Brian Weissense

Organic farmer.

920-261-3425

P.S. I need at least 200,000 for the mortgage to pay my Parents for the farm.

I have been farming for at least 25 years.

My Dad 45 years

We Never took a dime from the Government. No Subsidies, P.D.O.

Buildings - 22,500
Machine Shed - 8,500
Organic Shop and a small machine shed

Dear Agency.

I am a organic farmer i have never taken a dime from the Government. But Right now i could really use some help.

I could use some cash for getting the farm off the ground.

I really need these items

Tractor 130 HP.
Buildings, Grain Bins.
Combine.

And to pay my Parents off to Buy the farm.

Plus with the Bird flu, and with "Mad Cow". Organically Raised Poultry, Meat, is more healthy.

I raise Children they are out side and healthy.

In ~~Wisconsin~~ Wisconsin We need Processing Plants for our meat, Poultry.

Thus creating "Jobs".

I really need a Tractor for my 10' Rotocator it kills Weeds. all i need is \$5,000 for a Tractor

To - too much

February 25, 2004

Conservation Operations Division
Natural Resources Conservation Service
ATTN: Conservation Security Program
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To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for providing public comment on the USDA's proposed rules for the Conservation Security Program. However, the proposed rules for the CSP needs to eliminate the restrictions on participation in the CSP to a few "selected watersheds" and undefined "categories."

As a certified organic farmer, it is my view that the CSP should be a nationwide, accessible program, open to ALL farmers! CSP should allow farmers with USDA-approved organic certification plans under the National Organic Program to simultaneously certify under both the National Organic Program and CSP, if they meet the standards of both.

Also, the USDA's proposed rules fail to made adequate payments to farmers currently participating in effective conservation practices. It is my opinion that enhanced payments and NOT cost-share payments, should reward those farmers who participate in environmentally-beneficial systems. CSP payments should be set at the local rental rates based on land capability without the 90 % reduction proposed by the USDA!

Finally, your proposed rules should address managed rotational grazing and resource conserving crop rotations. Please be reminded that managed rotational grazing is recognized by scientists and farmers as an excellent way to protect our soil and water. Also, it has been scientifically proven that diversified crop rotations effectively build and improve soil while managing pests and reducing erosion.

Again, thank you for allowing public comment on the proposed rules. With genuine concern, I ask that the CSP be offered to ALL of America's farmers, especially certified organic farmers, to preserve our nation's natural resources for future generations.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2004

Conservation Security Program Comments
ATTN: David McKay
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I am writing to you to express my concerns about the USDA's proposed rules for the operation of the Conservation Security Program (CSP). I believe that the CSP should be available nationwide to all farmers practicing effective conservation. CSP should not be limited by geography and categories of farmers or farm practices. Payments to participating farmers should be commensurate with land capability classes at local rates.

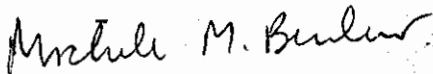
The proposed rules do not adequately compensate participating farmers. For CSP to achieve its mission and properly "reward the best, motivate the rest", payments must be set at the local rental rates based on land capability. The 90% reduction proposed by the USDA will discourage participation in CSP.

CSP needs to recognize and reward the practices of crop rotations and managed rotational grazing that have been proven to deliver environmental benefits to society. Both are specifically mentioned for enhanced payments in the CSP statute. The final rule should highlight substantial enhancement payments for these systems, as well as payments for management of existing practices.

USDA should not penalize farmers for shifting former cropland to pasture as part of a managed grazing system. Former or potential cropland that is pastured and put into a managed rotational grazing system must receive equal payment rates to other cropland, and not the lower rate of pastureland. The rules should establish base payments based on NRCS land capability classes, not current land use.

CSP should allow farms with USDA-approved organic certification plans under the National Organic Program (NOP) to simultaneously certify under both NOP and CSP, if they meet the standards of both.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr McKay

We write to urge you to incorporate the following changes in USDA's proposed rules re the Conservation Security Program (CSP). #1 Congress passed the CSP with intent that it be open to all farmers practicing conservation. CSP must not be limited to just a few farmers..unfair. #2 USDA must pay farmers who practice conservation adequately; they do not at present. Conservation in farming helps both our soil and land, and the many who depend on it--small farmers & rural communities. #3 There should be no penalty for shifting from cropland to pastureland The latter helps conservation, the intent of CSP to begin with. Time to be fair on this. #4 Farmers should be allowed to be certified with both CSP and National Organic Program if they meet both standards, & not have to go thru two separate procedures....We urge your immediate action in helping our small farmers, not agribusiness. Thank you.

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February 20, 2004

Conservation Security Program Comments
ATTN: David McKay
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Dear Mr. McKay,

I am writing to suggest important changes to the USDA's proposed rules for the operation of the Conservation Security Program (CSP). I support the CSP as a nationwide conservation program that will reward the best working farmlands and motivate the rest. As intended by Congress, the CSP should be open to all farmers in the U.S. practicing effective conservation.

Most importantly, USDA should issue a supplement to the rule. This should be done immediately to fix major problems with the proposed rules issued on January 2nd. These are not consistent with the law authorizing the Conservation Security Program. The main changes to make are:

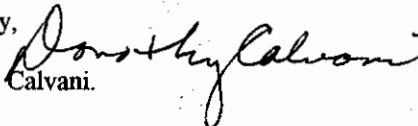
Restore Green Payments - The proposed rule calls for pennies per acre for base payments, 5% cost-share payments for practices, and enhanced payments that only cover the farmer's costs. Restore meaningful incentive payments so that farmers are adequately rewarded for outstanding environmental performance.

Make All Farms Eligible - Restore eligibility for all by eliminating the selection of "priority watersheds" and the undefined "categories" for enrollment.

Motivate Farmers - Allow farmers to achieve high conservation standards while in the program, not as a precondition for applying. The proposed rules set the bar too high for entry into CSP.

Restore Comprehensive Conservation Approach - Allow farmers to address significant natural resource concerns on their farm. Allow use of all effective conservation practices, instead of severely restricting what may be done.

Reward High Performance - Add significant enhanced payments for resource conserving crop rotations and managed rotational grazing, as provided in the law.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Calvani.